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SUBJECT: TNPd HELICOPTERS

REFS: A. STATE 221618; B. BANGKOK 25141; C. BANGKOK 25273;

D. JOINT HELICOPTER REPORT OF 7/22/76

1. AS THE EMBASSY IS AWARE, WE HAVE DELAYED DELIVERY OF  
THE FIVE HELICOPTERS COVERED BY OUR 1974 PROAG IN ORDER TO  
EXPRESS CONCERN OVER THE NEED FOR MORE EFFECTIVE TNPd ANTI-  
NARCOTICS PERFORMANCE. WE NOW BELIEVE THAT THIS GOAL HAS  
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BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, AND THERE IS NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY

FURTHER DELAY. CONSEQUENTLY, WE HAVE DECIDED TO GO FORWARD WITH DELIVERY OF ALL FIVE AIRCRAFT UPON COMPLETION OF THE STEPS OUTLINED BELOW.

2. WHILE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL C, WE FEEL THAT IN PROVIDING THESE HELICOPTERS WE MUST REINFORCE TNPD ADHERENCE TO CERTAIN BASIC PROVISIONS OF THE 1974 PROAG. IN RECOGNITION OF THAI SENSITIVITIES, AND TO AVOID RENEGOTIATION OF THE 1974 AGREEMENT, WE BELIEVE THIS REINFORCEMENT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH A NEGOTIATED AMENDMENT TO THE PROAG COMBINED WITH THE USE OF AN AIDE MEMOIRE.

3. THE 1975 PROAG SHOULD BE AMENDED TO SPECIFY THAT ALL FIVE OF THE HELICOPTERS COVERED BY THAT AGREEMENT WILL BE BASED AND OPERATED GENERALLY IN NORTHWESTERN THAILAND (SPECIFICALLY, THE PROVINCES OF MAE HONG SON, CHIANG MAI, CHIANG RAI, LAMPANG, AND LAMPHUN), WITH USE IN OTHER AREAS SUBJECT TO MUTUAL USG-RTG AGREEMENT. SUCH AN AMENDMENT WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH THE EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION IN REFERENCE D.

4. UPON CONCLUDING THE ABOVE AMENDMENT, THE EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER TO THE APPROPRIATE THAI OFFICIALS AN AIDE MEMOIRE REITERATING THAT THE 1974 PROAG STIPULATES THESE HELICOPTERS ARE BEING FURNISHED "ONLY TO FACILITATE CONTROLS ON ILLICIT PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, TRANSPORTATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS." A SECOND POINT IN THE AIDE MEMOIRE SHOULD REMIND THE RTG OF ITS OBLIGATION TO FIELD AT LEAST 55 BPP ANTI-NARCOTICS TEAMS (UNLESS, OF COURSE, THE EMBASSY'S INVESTIGATION REVEALS THAT SUBSTANTIALLY ALL OF THESE AGREED UPON TEAMS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DEPLOYED,. AS A FINAL POINT IN THE AIDE MEMOIRE WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE THAI TO INCREASE HELICOPTER UTILIZATION FOR ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS RELATIVE TO NON-ENFORCEMENT USE.

5. PLEASE FORWARD A COPY OF THE PROAG AMENDMENT AND AIDE MEMOIRE UPON COMPLETION OF THE ABOVE STEPS. WE WILL BEGIN ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHIPPING THE HELICOPTERS UPON  
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NOTIFICATION OF RTG AGREEMENT TO THE PROAG AMENDMENT. ROBINSON

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